

Institutional Animal Care Program (IACP)	
Title: Acclimation/Stabilization of Study Animals	
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A) RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) Research and Laboratory Animal Resource Center (LARC) staff will abide by the position statement below unless there is documented PRIOR approval for an exemption.
- 2) Medical concerns, training needs, or emergencies as determined by the LARC veterinary staff may exempt an animal from the acclimation/stabilization period.

B) APPLICATION

To provide physiologically stable biologic models for research. The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 2011 Ed, upon which AAALAC International bases its accreditation guidelines, states that, "...newly received animals should be given a period for physiologic, behavioral, and nutritional acclimation before their use."

C) PROCEDURES

- 1) All newly received animals, except those obtained for training require a minimum of a 72-hour acclimation/stabilization period before any experimental use.
- 2) During the acclimation/stabilization period, animals should not be used for experimental reasons.
- 3) Exceptions to the 72-hour acclimation/stabilization period will require a written justification included in the protocol.



- 4) The completion of the 72-hr acclimation/stabilization period IS NOT a replacement for the quarantine period that may be required for certain animals, or in certain situations, but can run concurrently with a quarantine period.